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## Mauritania

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens Exercise increased caution in Mauritania due to COVID-19, crime, and terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required, but travelers may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

+(222) 4525-2660; EMER: +(222) 3662-8163; US Embassy Nouakchott, Nouadhibou Road, Avenue Al Quds, Nouakchott, Mauritania; consularnkc@state.gov; <https://mr.usembassy.gov/>

### Telephone Code

222

### Local Emergency Phone

Fire: 118; Police: 117

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

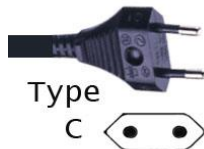
Desert; constantly hot, dry, dusty

### Currency (Code)

Ouguiyas (MRO)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



### Major Languages

Arabic, Pular, Soninke, Wolof, French

### Religions

Muslim 100%

### Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Banc d'Arguin National Park; Nouakchott; Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt, & Oualata; Richat Structure in the Sahara Desert
<b>Major Sports</b>	Soccer, basketball
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	When talking about the past, people will often snap their fingers by their shoulders.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	A tip of 12-15% is expected in restaurants if no service charge has been added to the bill. Hotel service staff and drivers welcome small tips.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

How to get help in an emergency? Contact the nearest US embassy or consulate,  
or call one of these numbers:  
from the US or Canada - 1-888-407-4747 or from Overseas - +1 202-501-4444

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